

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

February 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:27 am by Vice Chairman Lee Buckingham at Auburn City Hall in the Council Chambers. Present were: Lee Buckingham, April Maynard, Aloha Baumgarten, Joyce Silva, Nancy Hakala, Mike Holmes and Judi Lardner.

A quorum was established and the January 10th and 13th Minutes and Notes accepted as written.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Airport monument approval for submission to the City Council: Mike reported that the Auburn Airport Association Advisory Commission and the Auburn Airport Business Park Association have both approved a monument designed by Douglas Van Howd. He passed around two pictures of a rough maquette of the monument and asked the AAC to approve the design and forward the recommendation to the City Council. A discussion ensued about the size of the monument (Bud Anderson will be life size), the location (probably near Wings Grill), material, and funding. Mike said that the monument would be paid for by private donations. Mr. Van Howd is doing the monument at his cost. He intends to make and sell maquettes of the monument. Aloha motioned to approve the design, Joyce seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

UAIC Art for Central Square: Mike said that the Van Howd sculpture commissioned by the UAIC was recently installed in Central Square and that community feedback has been positive so far. The City will be installing another surveillance camera to provide better coverage of the statue. He added that the City and the UAIC must still resolve some outstanding issues and finalize the legal agreement.

Mural projects: Mike asked whether the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge mural has been completed yet. Lee said it was his understanding that Archie still had work to do on it. Mike said he hoped that the mural would be completed before the bridge's centennial celebration at City Hall on March 23rd and the Mike Lynch (State Parks) presentation on the bridge on March 24th at the State Theater. A general discussion followed about the approval process for future mural projects.

Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge gallery show: Mike asked whether there has been much interest expressed in the art show yet. Judi said that she had received several email inquiries about the show. Aloha said she had distributed flyers around the area and that several art teachers were passing on the information to their students.

Public Art Loan Program update: Lee asked Mike whether Douglas Van Howd might have another sculpture he'd like to temporarily display in Central Square. Mike said that he might be interested in that. Lee said that he hadn't heard anything more from Bob Richardson about the Jennifer Johnson Riley sculpture, *Travels in Tranquility*.

Auburn Arts in the Park: There was a discussion about poster art design (Nancy said she will draw up another design for consideration), publicity (general consensus was that the entire AAC

needs to help), and the actors portraying famous artists. Joyce said she met with the Sugar Plump Fairies, who have agreed to provide art activities for children at the festival. Judi asked for clarification of the deadline to submit artist and performer applications (April 20th) and the start time for the festival (11:00 am). Nancy asked about the legal requirements for food vendors. Nancy also said she has been talking to artists at the Auburn Old Town Gallery and that there doesn't seem to be much interest in taking part in the festival, mainly because it is an unknown event. She said that she would continue to talk to artists and encourage participation. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, February 23rd at 8:15 am to continue the discussion about Auburn Arts in the Park.

The next regular meeting will be on March 13, 2012 at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am
Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Lardner, Secretary